

Specifically, Jack spearheaded several inter-governmental agreements with surrounding cities and school districts, including an agreement with the City of Westminster, which was the first of its kind in Colorado. These agreements helped better coordinate planning in terms of costs, revenue and future growth areas among Thornton's neighboring communities.

In addition, these agreements helped make Thornton's city services more efficient and cost-effective including snow and ice control removal on shared streets, special transit services for seniors and low-moderate income residents, and coordination of transportation planning. The Denver Regional Council of Governments and the Colorado Municipal League have recognized several of these programs virtually every year since 1986.

Jack's vision, leadership, and commitment to public service and his local community has been recognized by a wide variety of organizations and awards including: Metro North Chamber of Commerce's Economic Developer of the Year; Denver Federal Executive Board's Distinguished Local Government Award; and 1986 Man of the Year by the Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Jack Ethredge for his service and commitment to the City of Thornton and I wish him all the best in retirement.

HONORING HARRISBURG FIRE
LIEUTENANT DENNIS DEVOE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 20, 2017

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor Harrisburg Fire Lieutenant Dennis DeVoe, and express my deepest condolences to his family, colleagues, and friends.

On March 11, 2017, Lt. DeVoe was on his way to pick up his gear to respond to a house fire when his vehicle was T-boned. Lt. DeVoe sustained fatal injuries in the crash, passing later that night surrounded by his family. This honorable man lost his life while in the process of saving the lives of others, and the people of Harrisburg, along with myself, are forever grateful for the service he provided his community.

Lt. DeVoe graduated from Kennard-Dale High School in 1989 and later attended Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology, earning an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Automotive Technology. Lt. DeVoe was a 1996 graduate of the 14th Fire Academy at Harrisburg Area Community College and faithfully served the Harrisburg Fire Department Squad 8 in the 21 years since. Additionally, Lt. DeVoe was a member of the Pennsylvania Search and Rescue and a state Fire Instructor at Harrisburg Area Community College as well as the York County Fire School. Lt. DeVoe was actively involved in the community. Lt. DeVoe volunteered with numerous area fire departments and coached local soccer teams. Lt. DeVoe's colleagues described him as a kind and energetic leader who prioritized community, service to others, and his family above all else.

Lt. DeVoe is survived by his wife, Amy DeVoe, and their four children, Carson, Aliza,

Emma, and Jake, his mother, Joyce Webb, and her husband, Robert, and his brother, Brian DeVoe, and his wife, Sheila.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life and service of Lt. Dennis DeVoe, for his selfless heroism and dedication to his community and his family.

CONGRATULATING RYAN HERMAN
OF ST. CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL ON
WINNING THE MISSOURI CLASS 2
WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
IN THE 145 POUND WEIGHT
CLASS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 20, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ryan Herman of the St. Clair High School Bulldogs on winning the Class 2 Wrestling State Championship in the 145 pound weight class.

Ryan and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Ryan Herman for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING FIRST ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH IN SULLIVAN,
MISSOURI ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 20, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a church in my district, First Assembly of God in Sullivan, Missouri, on its 100th anniversary. It will be observing this milestone on October 8, 2017.

First Assembly of God was founded on June 4, 1917 by Reverend R.O. Miller with 42 charter members. The church is known for its long-standing history of providing Christian services in the community. Its first building was dedicated on March 18, 1923 which served the congregation until its relocation on September 14, 1969 to its current home on Elmont Road.

The mission statement of First Assembly of God is to "Exalt the Lord through worship, Equip the saints through discipleship, Evangelize the lost through outreach and missions, Embrace each other through fellowship, and Encourage the hurting through ministry." Throughout the past 100 years this mission statement has been the foundation on which the church stands and shares the love of God with those in the community.

There are various programs offered at First Assembly of God for children, men, and women of all ages. Christian enrichment classes that are offered include Sunday School, Nursery, Kingdom Kids, Girls Club, Royal Rangers, Jr. High, Anchor 5.8, Anchor Youth, Late Night, and Women's/Men's Ministry.

Reverend Kyle Phillips currently serves as the Senior Pastor at First Assembly of God. He has served in this capacity for 10 years.

Pastor Phillips serves the church alongside Youth Pastors Reverends Michael and Anna Maschmeyer, Children's Director Cascha Phillips, Executive Assistant and Treasurer Kay and Larry Cunio, and Maintenance Director Robert Davis.

I ask you to join me in recognizing First Assembly of God Church on its 100th anniversary. The commitment this church has shown to the Lord, its parishioners, and the entire community is acknowledged by this milestone anniversary.

HONORING THE NAPA JUNIOR
GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 20, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Junior Girls Softball League (NJGSL) upon the 50th anniversary of its founding. The NJGSL has been a trailblazing community partner and has supported the success of generations of Napa girls.

The NJGSL is a recreational league that offers girls ages 5–12 the opportunity to learn and play softball in a supportive environment. NJGSL participants learn the importance of staying active and healthy and have fun at the same time.

NJGSL participants also learn valuable life lessons that serve them well both on and off the field. Coaches, organizers, and parents focus on building teamwork and sportsmanship skills which will help girls communicate and maintain positive self-esteem throughout their lives. Furthermore, League alumni have even gone on to excel in collegiate softball careers.

Mr. Speaker, the Napa Junior Girls Softball League has been teaching girls in our community both softball and life skills for an impressive five decades. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the NJGSL here today.

ARDENT MILLS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 20, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ardent Mills for receiving the 2017 Commerce City Business of the Year Award.

The Business of the Year Award is given to a Commerce City company with a pioneer spirit that has shown a history of leadership within its industry and the community. Ardent Mills is the independent joint venture of Cargill, ConAgra and Horizon Milling. The company offers a broad range of flours, mixes, blends, and specialty products along with technical support, customer service and the supply assurance of a coast-to-coast network. Ardent Mills operates a network of more than forty community flour mills and bakery mix facilities in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico, including one in Commerce City.

Ardent Mills aims to nurture customers and communities with its innovative grain-based